

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

Executive Officer's Report

Agenda Item: 6.0

Date: November 21, 2008

1.0 Board's Budget Update

Budget Change Proposal (BCP) – The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has worked in conjunction with the healing arts boards to develop a comprehensive BCP for FY 2009/10 and on-going to support that all licensees are fingerprinted and any outstanding criminal history revealed is addressed through the administrative disciplinary process. As you are aware, the Board has added a conviction question on all renewal notices and has submitted an emergency regulation requiring all non-fingerprinted RNs to be fingerprinted at the time of license renewal, which is to begin March 1, 2009, if approved.

The BCP is requesting a special fund augmentation for the BRN for 12 additional PYs and to increase the Division of Investigation, Attorney General and the Office of Administrative Hearings budgets. The anticipated total cost of this program will be: FY 2008/09 \$594,000; FY 2009/10 \$ 2.4 million; FY 2010/11 and on-going \$2.3 million. The Board will absorb all start-up costs associated with the new requirement this fiscal year and will be required to absorb \$500,000 of the total cost each subsequent fiscal year.

Fund Condition/Fee Increase – As we have previously discussed, it is anticipated in FY 2011/12 the Board will begin the regulatory process for a fee increase that will take effect in FY 2012/13. Currently all the Board's fees are at the statutory minimum and the Board has not had a major fee increase since the early 1990's.

Attorney General Fee Increase – Effective July 1, 2009, the Attorney General's legal services hourly billing rate will increase. The deputy attorney general's fee will increase from \$158 per hour to \$170 per hour and the paralegal services fee will increase from \$101 per hour to \$120 per hour. An adjustment will be made to the Board's budget for FY 2009/10 to augment this increase.

2.0 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Updates

Board Member Orientation – In accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 453, Board Members are required to attend DCA's Board Member Orientation within one year of their appointment. The next Board Member Orientation is set for Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at DCA headquarters from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm. Please notify the Administration Unit if you would like to attend.

Executive Order S-09-08 - The Executive Order remains in effect through June 30, 2009; however, the Governor's Office has provided alternative methods of compliance. Since DCA is a non-general fund agency it has been delegated the authority to:

- Resume hiring, transfers, and promotions of employees
- Bring back retired annuitants, permanent intermittent, seasonal, temp help, and student assistants
- Authorize overtime
- Restore suspended contracts

The Board no longer needs to submit exemption requests to DCA for the above items. Additionally, the Board has authority to initiate personnel transactions and contracts. However, since the Executive Order is still in effect, the Board will prioritize expenditures and focus on mission-critical services.

Security Kiosk – On November 3rd, the security kiosk became operational in the main lobby of DCA’s headquarters building. A security guard is stationed at the kiosk counter during business hours to sign in visitors and direct them to their DCA destinations. In addition, the security guard will also do a visual check to ensure that DCA employees have their identification card visible, and will be monitoring the parking lot security cameras. A second security guard monitors the parking lot during and after business hours.

Employee Appreciation and Customer Service Program Kick-Off – On October 7, 2008, Director Carrie Lopez invited all DCA’s employees to a noon time event at DCA headquarters that included lunch and entertainment to kick-off “Sailing the Seven Cs of Customer Service”. DCA’s Executive Office and the Customer Service Improvement Project Team recently launched DCA’s new customer service campaign that includes: committed, courteous, clear, correct, complete, concise, concerned.

3.0 Public Record Request

The Board continues to comply with public record request and responds within the required timeframes that are set in Government Code Section 6250. For the period of September 5, 2008 through November 10, 2008, the Board has received and processed 28 public record requests.

4.0 National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

Uniform Core Licensure Requirements (UCLR) Conference - On November 5-6, 2008, the Board participated in this conference that focused on uniformity and portability of nurse licensure throughout the United States and U.S. territories. A representative from the National Governors Association provided an update on E-Health Alliance’s Interstate Licensing Recommendations to the States that included telehealth practice across state lines and establish core credentialing requirements, that includes criminal background checks at the state and federal level. The 2008 Delegate Assembly adopted a resolution to review the UCLR’s for currency and relevance in today’s regulatory arena and the findings on these issues will be presented at the 2009 Delegate Assembly in Philadelphia, PA.

5.0 Magic in Teaching Institute III & 2nd Annual Clinical Simulation Conference, Northern CA

On November 13-14, 2008, the BRN in conjunction with the California Institute of Nursing and Healthcare presented “Redesigning Nursing Education in the 21st Century”. The goal of the conference was to provide an opportunity for nurse educators from academia and clinical settings to learn together and share ideas for designing and creating optimal learning experiences based on evidenced-based practices. The second day focused on integrating simulations into nursing curricula and nursing practice. There were 275 attendees representing 40 California nursing programs and 20 clinical facilities. The same conference will be held in Southern California, March 11-12, 2009.

6.0 Personnel

The following personnel changes have transpired since the last Board Meeting:

New Hires	Classification	Board Program
Julie Campbell-Warnock	Research Program Specialist	Administration

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Liaison Activities

October 6-8, 2008	Janette Wackerly, Katie Daugherty, Kay Weinkam, Miyo Minato, Badrieh Caraway and Louise Bailey attended the CACN/COADN Fall Conference. Conference held at Sir Frances Drake. Approximately 200+ in attendance. Louise Bailey Presented an update of the Boards' activities and relevant legislation.
October 12, 2008	Alice Takahashi attended a meeting at Mount Saint Mary's on Advanced Practice Nursing. There were approximately 28 students in attendance.
October 21-22, 2008	Louise Bailey attended and participated as a member of the NCSBN NCLEX Examination Committee in Chicago
October 23, 2008	Louise Bailey gave a presentation about the BRN and its activities to approximately 50 nurses at Highland General Hospital in Oakland.
October 24, 2008	Katie Daugherty presented for Hammond Law Firm and National Nurse Recruiter Company in San Francisco.
October 27, 2008	Louise Bailey attended and participated in the Rural Health Care and Educational meeting at Mercy Hospital in Redding, to discuss healthcare services and education relative to clinical placement of students. Participants included hospital CNO's, Director's of Nursing Programs, BRN and the Department of Labor.
October 29, 2008	Katie Daugherty attended the Advance Nurse Nursing Shortage Panel in Sacramento. There were approximately 30 in attendance.
November 3-4, 2008	Katie Daugherty attended the NCSBN Continued Competence Committee in Chicago.
November 6, 2008	Louise Bailey attended and represented the Board at the California Community College Nursing Advisory Committee meeting (3C NAC) in Sacramento.
November 10-11, 2008	Louise Bailey attended and represented the NCSBN NCLEX Examination Committee at the iTofel meeting in Chicago. The purpose of the meeting was to establish score requirements on the test of English as a foreign language, internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) for entry-level internationally educated nurses.
November 13-14, 2008	Janette Wackerly, Katie Daugherty, Louise Bailey, RuthAnn Terry, Heidi Goodman, Julie Campbell-Warnock, Louisa Gomez and LaFrancine Tate attended Magic in Teaching III held at San Francisco Marriott. Louise Bailey presented BRN 101 at two of the break-out sessions.
November 17, 2008	Dr. Maria Bedroni attended discussion with students at CSU Fullerton.

